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1. SUMMARY. THREE ASIAN PARTY LEADERS HAVE DELIVERED
SPEECHES TO THE CPSU 25TH PARTY CONGRESS. DRV PARTY CHIEF
LE DUAN PRAISED THE SOVIET UNION'S STRENGTH AND SUPPORT FOR
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND SHARPLY CRITICIZED
"AMERICAN IMPERIALISM". LAOTIAN LEADER KAYSONE
PHOMVIHAN LINKED LAOS TO ITS INDOCHINESE NEIGHBORS AND
CHARGED THAT THE U.S. WAS STILL ACTIVE IN OPPOSING THE
NEW LAOTIAN REGIME. MONGOLIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT HEAD TSEDENBAL
WAS, AS USUAL, MOST LAVISH OF ALL--SOME MIGHT SAY
SLAVISH--IN HIS PRAISE OF THE SOVIETS IN GENERAL AND
BREZHNEV IN PARTICULAR. HE ALSO BLASTED "MAOISM" AND CALLED
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FOR STRUGGLE AGAINST IT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS SPEECH (PRAVDA FEB 26) LE DUAN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE DRV PARTY, FOLLOWED THE MAIN LINES OF HIS RHETORIC DURING HIS VISIT TO THE USSR IN OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1975. HE SAID THAT MOSCOW STRENGTHENS REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND SUPPORTS AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, "WRECKS THE INFLAMMATORY DESIGNS OF IMPERIALISM" AND FURTHERS PEACE IN EUROPE AND THE WHOLE WORLD. THE LATTER PHRASE IS SIMILAR TO THE HIGHLY QUALIFIED EDORSEMENT HE MADE OF HELSINKI IN OCTOBER, AND AGAIN PLACED IT BELOW THE NEED TO SUPPORT LIBERATION STRUGGLES. LE DUAN MENTIONED THE U.S. EXPLICITLY FOUR TIMES, ALL IN THE CONTEXT OF "AGGRESSION" AND "IMPERIALISM". IN A PHRASE WHICH IS CERTAIN TO IRK THE CHINESE, HE DESCRIBED THE USSR AS "THE STRONGEST SOLCIALIST POWER IN THE WORLD." HE PRAISED SOVIET SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM AND DESCRIBED BILATERAL FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AS GROWING STRONGER DAY BY DAY.

3. LAOTIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT CHIEF KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN WAS LESS BELIGERENT. (PRAVDA FEB 27) HE PRAISED THE SOVIET PARTY AND BREZHNEV IN STANDARD TERMS, THEN DISCUSSED THE "VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTION IN LAOS," EXPLICITLY LINKING ITS SUCCESS IN 1975 TO "THE COMPLETE VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA." HE SPOKE OF THE "BASIC CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL STITUATION IN INDOCHINA" AND THANKED THE SOVIET UNION FOR "ENORMOUS AND IMPORTANT AID AND SUPPORT." HE MENTIONED "AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" THREE TIMES, INCLUDING THE CHARGE THAT IT WAS "CONTINUING ITS DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST US."

4. MONGOLIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT CHIEF TSEDENBAL (PRAVDA FEB 27) STRESSED THE CORRECTNESS OF BREZHNEV'S SPEECH AND THE PARTY PROGRAM OF THE 25TH CONGRESS. HE PRAISED DETENTE AND ECHOED BREZHNEV'S HELSINKI SPEECH THAT THE CSCE EXAMPLE SHOULD BE APPLIED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE GLOBE, "INCLUDING THE ASIAN CONTINENT." HE THEN DENOUNCED THE "MAOIST LEADERSHIP OF CHINA" FOR LINING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UP WITH ANTI-SOVIET, ANTI-SOCIALIST FORCES, AND WITH "APOLOGISTS FOR A NEW WORLD WAR." HE CHARGED THAT PEKING'S OPOSITON TO DETENTE SHOWED ITS OWN "GREAT-POWER HEGEMONISTIC, EXPANSIONIST COURSE," CALLED MAOISM A "SERIOUS THREAT" FOR THE SOCIALIST BROTHERHOOD AND SAID THAT "THE DECISIVE STRUGGLE WITH MAOISM REMAINS AN URGENT TASK OF ALL MARXIST-LENINIST PARTIES" AND PEACE-LOVING FORCES. HE CONCLUDED BY

PARISING SOVIET AID AND SUPPORT FOR MONGOLIA.

5. COMMENT. THESE SPEECHES GENERALLY REPLAY STANDARD
LINES, BUT THE SOVIETS MUST BE PARTICULARLY PLEASED
WITH LE DUAN, BOTH FOR HIS PRESENCE AT THIS SOVIET
SHOW AND FOR HIS WORDS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO THEM AND
IMPLICITLY DEROGATORY TOWARD PEKING.
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